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With regard to the merger of Partners Health Care and South Shore Hospital, I am enclosing some comments as they relate to me personally.

I am a long time resident of Weymouth, and along with my wife have had numerous visits to South Shore Hospital, both as patients and as visitors to family and friends. My observations have been that South Shore Hospital is a wonderful, caring and professional organization that has only the community and its patients as its main priorities.

The growth of the Hospital in recent years, primarily due to its affiliation with The Brigham, Dana Farber and Children's has only served to bring more and better quality health care to this area. Witness the new Cancer Center as an example of this change, with cancer patients having local cancer care available as opposed to having to travel to Boston for this care as my Wife did about twelve years ago. The burden of having to travel to Boston each week for this care was difficult at best for a senior citizen with a need for weekly treatments not then available on the South Shore.

I cannot emphasize enough how this merger will help this community by bringing more and better health care to South Shore citizens.

I heartily endorse this merger and recommend the same to you.

Thank you,



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